

Mickey D. Barnett

Chairman, USPS Board of Governors

Mickey D. Barnett was named chairman of the Board of Governors in November 2012. He served as vice chairman from December 2011 until November 2012. Barnett is an attorney and former New Mexico state senator. He was appointed a governor of the U.S. Postal Service by President George W. Bush on August 17, 2006, for a term that expires December 8, 2013. He serves as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee.



Governor Barnett has a history of public service in addition to his career in the private sector. Currently, Governor Barnett is the managing partner with the Barnett Law Firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a general practice law firm focusing on litigation. He is a member of the Bar Association of the State of New Mexico, the U.S. Court of Appeals 10th Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court, and is a member of the Federalist Society. He also was a member of the Appellate Nominating Commission for the New Mexico Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals from 1995 to 2002.

Governor Barnett served the public in the New Mexico State Senate from 1980 to 1984. Previously he served the federal government as a legislative assistant to Senator Pete Domenici (1972–1976).

For more than 30 years, Governor Barnett has actively participated in public life and politics in a variety of capacities. His public sector work, often as a volunteer, has always sought to help increase both the efficiency of the government as well as its protection of individual liberties.

He is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from George Washington University National Law Center in 1977. Governor Barnett and his wife, Janet, live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They have two children, Frank and Jennifer.